

Case CM2108/DQ

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of :
JOHAN SMETS, et al. :
Serial No. 09/806,046 : Group Art Unit To Be Determined
Filed 17 May 1999 : Examiner To Be Determined
For LAUNDRY DETERGENT :
AND/OR FABRIC CARE
COMPOSITIONS
COMPRISING CHEMICAL
COMPONENTS LINKED TO A
CELLULOSE BINDING
DOMAIN

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Defective Response dated 25 July 2002, the period for response of which is tolled to 26 August 2002 in light of the weekend, please consider the following.

The Patent Office has requested, via the above-mentioned Notification of Defective Response, that the Applicants provide the Office with a "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form (CRF) and an initial or substitute paper copy or compact disc of the "Sequence Listing," as well as an amendment directing its entry into the specification. The Applicants submit that pursuant to 37 CFR 1.821 and MPEP 2422, the present application does not require the submission of the aforementioned items, as the present application does not disclose a Sequence Listing within the definition of 37 CFR 1.821. Specifically, 37 CFR 1.821 only requires submission of the aforementioned items in applications that contain disclosures of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences, meaning an unbranched sequence of four or more amino acids or an unbranched sequence of ten or more nucleotides. Accordingly, withdrawal of the present requirement and issuance of a Notice of Acceptance are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest effort to place the present claims in condition for examination and allowance. WHEREFORE, issuance of a Notice of Acceptance, examination of the pending claims on the merits and allowance of Claims 1 to 15 are respectfully requested. In the event that issues remain prior to allowance of the noted claims, then the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney to discuss any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Ms. Kidwell,

Further to our conversation today (26 August 2002), please find attached a 3-page response to your Notification of Defective Response, dated 25 July 2002. To reiterate, the present application does not contain a Sequence Listing within the definition of 37 CFR 1.821, and thus, no such listing is being furnished with the instant response. Should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at the above-listed number.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Taffy".

Frank Taffy, Esq.

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